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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ELAB, GW  
SUBJECT: UNEMPLOYMENT IN FRG DROPS IN FEBRUARY

REF: BONN 3962

SUMMARY: MODERATE WINTER WEATHER IS CREDITED FOR DE-  
CREASES IN FEBRUARY UNEMPLOYMENT IN BOTH UNADJUSTED AND  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TERMS. TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPPED  
OVER 35,000 TO 1,213,700 OR 5.3 PERCENT. ON SEASONALLY  
ADJUSTED BASIS, UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINED 20,000 TO  
992,000, FALLING BELOW THE ONE MILLION MARK FOR FIRST  
TIME SINCE MARCH 1975. END SUMMARY.  
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1. AN OVERVIEW OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT PICTURE IN THE FRG  
FOLLOWS (ALL TOTALS IN THOUSANDS; ALL RATES IN PERCENT-  
AGES):

UNEMPLOYMENT                      COMPARISONS

FEB. 77 JAN. 77 FEB. 76

TOTAL RATE TOTAL RATE TOTAL RATE

SEAS.ADJ. 992 1,012 1,098  
NON-SEAS.1,213.7 5.3 1,248.9 5.5 1,346.7 5.9  
ADJ.  
MEN 676.3 4.7 699.5 4.9 810.6 5.7  
WOMEN 537.4 6.3 549.4 6.5 536.1 6.3

TABLE (CONT'D)

FEB. 77 JAN. 77 FEB. 76

TOTAL RATE TOTAL RATE TOTAL RATE

REG.JOB 224.5 201.9 208.5  
OPENINGS  
PART TIME 281.2 268.8 493.3  
WORKERS  
FOREIGN 107.6 5.3 105.0 5.1 147.9 7.1  
WORKERS  
YOUTH 109.8 4.9 109.6 5.0  
(UNDER 20)

2. WHILE MILD FEBRUARY WEATHER DID CUT THE NUMBER OF  
WORK DAYS LOST IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO HALF THE  
JANUARY LEVEL (4 MILLION), A SECTOR-BY-SECTOR ANALYSIS  
REVEALS NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

3. GEOGRAPHICALLY, BAVARIA CONTINUED TO REGISTER THE  
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HIGHEST UNEMPLOYMENT (7.5 PERCENT IN THE NORTH AND 5.8

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PERCENT IN THE SOUTH) WHILE BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG AGAIN  
HAD THE LOWEST RATE (3.2 PERCENT).

4. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA MARKED A SIGNIFICANT  
IMPROVEMENT, DIPPING BELOW THE ONE MILLION LEVEL FOR  
THE FIRST TIME SINCE MARCH 1975.

5. THE DGB HAS NOT REACTED PUBLICALLY TO THE LATEST  
FIGURES. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, ITS OWN  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (WSI) RE-  
LEASED ITS UNEMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS FOR 1977 WHICH  
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ESTIMATED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR 1977 AT ABOUT 950,000,  
OR 100,000 HIGHER THAN THAT FORECAST IN THE GOVERN-  
MENT'S ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT.

6. OTHER REACTION TO THE NEW DATA WAS AS EXPECTED.  
JOSEF STINGL, PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT  
SERVICE, FOUND REASON FOR CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AND AN  
SPD SPOKESMAN HAILED THE DECLINE IN UNEMPLOYMENT AS  
A MODERATE SUCCESS FOR THE GOVERNMENT. A CDU SPOKESMAN,  
HOWEVER, CREDITED SEASONAL INFLUENCES FOR THE DECLINE  
AND REITERATED THE OPPOSITION'S CONCERN ABOUT THE OVER-  
ALL EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.  
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